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ONTARIO GOVERNMENT ACTING TO HELP PREVENT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
Province Funds Programs to Safeguard Women and Children

TORONTO – The Ontario government is keeping its promise to do more to fight domestic violence by providing funding for programs in Muskoka that seek to safeguard women and children, Sandra Pupatello, Minister Responsible for Women's Issues announced today.

"I applaud the work of the groups in Muskoka that are receiving this funding," said Pupatello. "Our government considers its partnership with community organizations to be vital in helping prevent violence against women over the long term."

The provincial government is investing a total of $30,000 in 10 projects in Muskoka. Recipients include family resource centres, sexual assault centres, public health groups, school boards, multicultural associations, women's shelters and agencies working with people with disabilities. Funding is for educational conferences and workshops, staff training, public education and awareness, and minor capital improvements and purchases.

"The government's Domestic Violence Action Plan, announced by Premier McGuinty last December, brings together a wide range of partners to improve public awareness and change attitudes," said Pupatello. "We all have a responsibility to help break the cycle of violence against women and children."

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